

Kiel/Sisco School News

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School Events

Nov. 10 - KEHSA Meeting
9:30 a.m. Firehouse
Nov. 12 - School Picture Re-takes
Nov. 18 - Thanksgiving Luncheon
Nov. 25 - Spirit Day Assembly

BOOK FAIR

Monday, Nov. 2 9:30 am – 8:00 pm
Tuesday, Nov. 3 9:30 am – 6:00 pm
Wednesday, Nov. 4 9:30 am – 2:00 pm

EARLY DISMISSAL DAYS

Nov. 2, 3, 4, 25
Kindergarten 11:35 am
Pre K 11:50 am
Jr. K 12:05 am
1st & 2nd Gr. 1:35 pm



SCHOOL CLOSED

Nov. 5, 6—NJEA Convention
Nov. 26, 27—Thanksgiving Recess

Trash 2 Treasure Contest

The Kinnelon Library Children's Department is sponsoring its 1st Annual K-5 Trash 2 Treasure Contest. Students are encouraged to use creativity and innovation to craft a piece of Art (collage/sculpture) or a functional item using garbage or materials that would normally be recycled. The deadline for entries is Monday, November 30, 2009. An Awards Ceremony for winning entries will be held on Thursday, December 3rd. Winners will be notified. The 1st Place Prize is a \$100 Savings Bond. Contest Rules:

- One Original Entry per participant.
- Full name, grade and phone number must be on each entry
- All entries must be submitted by Monday, November 30th to the Children's Department at the Kinnelon Public Library. The Library closes at 4:45 p.m.
- Entries must be made with garbage or materials that would normally be recycled or thrown away
- Size of collage/sculpture or item must be smaller than 1' x 1' x 1'.
- 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place Prizes will be awarded in categories of K-1st, 2nd-3rd and 4th-5th grades
- Entries will be judged on creativity and originality

Don't forget to Vote on Tuesday, November 3rd!

Parent-Teacher Conferences A Time to Share

On Monday, November 2, Tuesday, November 3, and Wednesday, November 4, parent-teacher conferences will be held at Kiel/Sisco Schools. The conference offers a special opportunity for parents and teacher to share information about the child. The best conferences end with both the parents and teacher feeling they have learned something about the child. Parents can make the most of their conference time by using some of these suggestions offered by parents and teachers.

Before you go:

- Think about what you want to tell the teacher about your child.
- How does your child feel about school?
- What special interests does your child have? (dinosaurs, cars, art, sports)
- Is there anything you would like to tell the teacher that would help him/her understand your child?
- Ask your child what you might discuss with the teacher and look at in the room. If both parents can't attend, ask for your spouse's ideas.

At the Conference:

- Arrive on time
- The teacher will be prepared to tell you about your child's school work. Here are some questions you might want to ask:
- In what subject does my child do well?
- What needs improvement?
- Are there any special programs that could help my child?
- What can I do at home to help my child?
- Ask questions about any part of the school program that you have questions about (homework, recess, test results, etc).
- Be aware that other parents are waiting for their conference. Leave promptly when your conference time ends.

When you get home:

- Tell your child something good that the teacher said about him/her.
- Jot down any important points to share with your spouse.
- Continue communicating with the teacher throughout the year.

Character Counts at Kiel/Sisco School

November's Character theme is "*Citizenship*" which is defined as being law abiding, loyal and involved in service to school, community and country. Your children are involved in many activities throughout their day which give them an opportunity to be "good citizens". Take advantage of this teachable moment this month as "Thanksgiving Day" approaches. Creating the family meal on this special day can involve many cooperative activities for your children. Did you know, that by the Autumn of 1621, the Pilgrims had endured the first winter and had reaped their first harvest? Governor William Bradford called for a thanksgiving feast to be celebrated with Chief Massasoit and his people, who had taught the Pilgrims how to plant corn and had shown them other skills needed to survive in the wilderness. Some historians believe the party may have lasted for several days.

In New England, people began to celebrate this feast every year. However, Thanksgiving Day did not become a national celebration until 1863, when Sarah Hale, editor of a ladies' book, convinced Abraham Lincoln to make it a holiday. As you celebrate this feast with family and friends, be thankful for all of your blessings and remember those two groups of people from different cultures who worked together and thus were able to survive.



Coming next month....

Kiel/Sisco & Stonybrook Art Show at the Kinnelon Public Library
Artwork from all students will be on display the entire month of December. An Artist's Reception will be held on Dec. 4th 4:00-6:00 p.m. Further details to follow.